



The Clarion



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MAY & JUNE 2018

FROM THE RABBI.....

Shalom Haverim,

There is a mystery in the Jewish calendar, that we experience this month. One of our major festivals, Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) comes on May 20th, even though we aren't sure that this is the correct date.

It's strange that one of our most important holidays has no date certain in the Torah and lasts for only one day. With our other major festivals (Passover and Sukkot) we know both the date and duration of the holiday.

So what's up?

First of all, the book of Leviticus only tells us that we are to count 7 weeks from Passover to Shavuot. However, no specifics are given as to when to begin the counting period. The Torah only tells us to begin counting after the day of rest without explicitly saying whether this "day of rest" is a Sabbath day or the 2nd day of Passover.

In addition, while we know that Shavuot marks the all-important omer period leading up to the wheat harvest in the [Land of Israel \(Exodus 34:22\)](#), it also seems to coincide with the anniversary of the day [God gave the Torah](#) to the entire nation of Israel assembled at [Mount Sinai](#), although the association between the giving of the Torah ([Matan Torah](#)) and Shavuot is not explicit in the Biblical text.

In fact, our best guess is based on this verse from the book of Exodus, the second book of the Torah:

FROM THE RABBI CONT....

“In the third month of the children of Israel's departure from Egypt, on this day they arrived in the desert of Sinai.”

Since we know the Children of Israel left Egypt during Nissan, we know the 3rd month was Sivan. After that the rabbis determined on which day the revelation occurred. Already in the Second Temple Period, and certainly from the Rabbinic Period on, Shavuot has been identified as the day of the revelation at Sinai. The liturgy expresses this by calling the holiday “the time the Torah was given,” a phrase only first found in the 9th century Seder Rav Amram.

In the Bible itself there are several names for this holiday:

Shavuot is called the *Festival of Weeks* (*Hag ha-Shavuot*, [Exodus 34:22](#), [Deuteronomy 16:10](#));

Festival of Reaping (*Hag ha-Katsir*, [Exodus 23:16](#)), and *Day of the First Fruits* (*Yom ha Bikkurim*, Nu. 28:26).

Shavuot, the plural of a word meaning "week" or "seven", alludes to the fact that this festival happens seven weeks after Passover. The Talmud refers to Shavuot as “Atzeret” referring to the conclusion of the season of Passover.

Since the holiday occurs 50 days after Passover, Hellenistic Jews gave it the name

“Pentacost, meaning the “fiftieth day.” This name has survived as a Christian name of the holiday.

Shavuot is unlike other Jewish holidays in that it has no prescribed Torah commandments other than traditional festival observances of prayer, meals, and joy; and the traditional holiday observances of special prayer services and the required abstention from work. However, it is also characterized by many customs:

Chalav (milk), the consumption of dairy products such as milk and cheese
Ruth, the reading of the [Book of Ruth](#) at morning services

Yerek, the decoration of homes and synagogues with greenery

Torah, engaging in all-night Torah study.

The recitation of Yizkor (memorial service) for our loved ones who have passed away.

Many of these customs will be observed at Bnai Emet on Sunday May 20, 2018.05.08

Hag Sameach,
Your Rabbi

FROM YOUR BOARD

Passover is behind us now and we hope you all were able to spend time with family and friends. We want to thank everyone who supported the Book of Remembrance. It was first used at the Passover Yiskor service and will be used the rest of the year. If you have not sent in your donation now is the time to do so.

The Board wants to thank those of you who have contributed to our appeal for funds for some of our major maintenance projects. In addition to some of the major projects listed in the previous Clarion, we just had to spend over \$10,000 to replace some of our electrical panels. We have not had problems with any of them, but our insurance company said they must be replaced. Our need for financial support for these projects is ongoing and we hope you be able to support the temple in our effort to keep our building a safe place for all.

We still have space on our Memorial Tablets in the main sanctuary. The bronze plaques are only \$175 and are a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. The lights on the plaques are lit on the Yortzeit of your loved one and all the lights are lit before and during every Yiskor service. We have included a Memorial Tablet form in this Clarion. If you have any questions, contact Valerie in the office.

Our website, www.templebnaimet.com, now has current issues of the Clarion as well as candle lighting and Parshat information. We want to thank Avi Kister and Ethan Amar for keeping our site current.

MINYON THANKS

Thanks to the following for their generous donations for saying Kaddish-El Moley Rachamim on the yorzeit for their beloved ones and prayers for the sick. Also, if needed, the Minyan will say Kaddish for the first year for a donation of \$150.00. If anything is needed from the Minyan, please do not hesitate to call the Temple Office (323) 721-7064.

Mr. Lou Hasson

In memory of Clara Hasson
& Joseph Hasson

Mrs. Harriette Cohen

In memory of Jack Cohen
& Morris Apsel

Mr. & Mrs. David Gostlin

In memory of Ruben Green

Elyse Eiser

In memory of Dr. Joseph Eiser

TEMPLE B'NAI EMET TRIBUTE FUND.....

Send a thoughtful card to a friend or relative for any and all occasions. ALL contributions further the support of our Temple. WE NEED AND WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT.... Val Cook **323/721-7064**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mrs. Shoshana Rosenbaum – For receiving the Continuing Service Award and The Principal's Outstanding Service Award. From Alison & David Gostlin, Sandy & Jon Olesen, Marcy Green, The Temple B'nai Emet Board.

GET WELL WISHES:

Kathy Faccuito – From Marcy Green.

Mrs. Sandy Olesen – From Marcy Green, Judi Tefft, Temple B'nai Emet, Dorothy Mear.

Mrs. Luba Gelmis – From The Temple B'nai Emet Board.

Robin Targon – From Marcy Green, Alison & David Gostlin & Sandy & Jon Olesen.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Mr. Tom Vetter – on the loss of beloved Wife Barbara. From Jon Olesen.

CONTRIBUTIONS

YORZEITS

Mr. Sol Silver
In memory of Adela Hessing,
Zonia Silberschein & Osias Katz
Mrs. Mary Stern
In memory of Sarah Novicoff
Gail Feuerstein
In memory of Betty Feuerstein
Gail Feuerstein
In memory of Isadore Harris
& Seymour Harris
Mrs. Judi Tefft
In memory of Jake Smith
Mr. Eugene Levey
In memory of Esther Levey
Mrs. Marion Barsky
In memory of Sonia Barsky,
Phyllis Stone & Yetta Rose Stone
Mrs. Jeanette Dickman
In memory of Scott Lawrence Dickman
& Simon Schwartz
Mr. Stuart Blasnick
In memory of Fay Marcus

Elyse Eiser
In memory of Abraham Eiser
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Olesen
In memory of Gwendolyn Mildred Olesen
Mrs. Beverley Shonholtz
In memory of David Shonholtz
Mr. & Mrs. David Gostlin
In memory of Ruben Green
Mrs. Marcy Green
In memory of Ruben Green
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Olesen
In memory of Ruben Green
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In memory of Louis Resnick
Mrs. Nina Barsky
In memory of Sonia Barsky & Harry Prager
Lauren Greene
In memory of Sonia Barsky

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For Get Well Wishes to Luba Gelmis &
Sandy Olesen

Mr. Henry Kister
In honor of Steve Kaye
For Mishaberach to The Kister Family
Mr. & Mrs. Len Applebaum
For Get Well Wishes to Luba Gelmis
Anne Higa
In honor of Temple B'nai Emet

TEMPLE B'NAI EMET'S MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

Lou & Bea Danoff
Henry Kister



PLANT A TREE

We wish to thank the following for purchasing trees to be planted in Israel in Temple B'nai Emet Grove. If you wish to have trees planted in honor or in memory of a dear one, please call the Temple at (323) 721-7064.

Gail Feuerstein in honor of Seymour Borenstein (4Trees)

YORZEITS

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH

Helen Briefman	May 4-5
Sidney Brownstein	May 4-5
Julius Cominsky	May 4-5
Annie Levey	May 4-5
Moritz Pietrkowsky	May 4-5
Elizabeth Roselinsky	May 4-5
Wallace Siegel	May 4-5
Max Black	May 5-6
Joseph Goldin	May 5-6
Yetta Lewis	May 5-6
Bessie Moss	May 5-6
Caroline Rudnick	May 5-6
Blanche Salve	May 5-6
Jennie Waxman	May 5-6
Emma Bergsman	May 6-7
Rochelle Firestone	May 6-7
Jennie Gold	May 6-7
Nathan Koffman	May 6-7
Max Paskil	May 6-7
Harry Schriebman	May 6-7
Morris Silverman	May 6-7
Morris M. Behar	May 7-8
Rose Fromberg	May 7-8
Jacob Garber	May 7-8
Rose Globerson	May 7-8
Belle Kantor	May 7-8
Rebecca Kaufman	May 7-8
Israel Levine	May 7-8
Ralph Quint	May 7-8
Maurice Rosenfeld	May 7-8
Nathan Shatz	May 7-8
William Brodsky	May 8-9
Arthur Holtz	May 8-9
Tillie Lutz	May 8-9
Louis Pieter	May 8-9
David Shonholtz	May 8-9
Rose Buchman	May 9-10

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH CONT

Faigel Goldstein	May 9-10
Sam Gluskoter	May 9-10
Meyer Karabel	May 9-10
Vera Schwartz	May 9-10
Pheiga Umansky	May 9-10
Elizabeth Feinstein	May 10-11
Sam Chesler	May 10-11
Edith Moskatel	May 10-11
Sarah Prussman	May 10-11
William Renkin	May 10-11
Phyllis Stone	May 10-11
Fannie Tattlebaum	May 10-11

FRIDAY, MAY 11TH

Robert Einstein	May 11-12
Mary Gitlitz	May 11-12
Sam Handelsman	May 11-12
Fay Marcus	May 11-12
Dr. Lewis Arnold Pike	May 11-12
Sandra Ellen Walshok	May 11-12
Berta Weliky	May 11-12
Michael Bukshpan	May 12-13
Esther Doberman	May 12-13
Bertha Neustadt	May 12-13
Joseph Owett	May 12-13
Jean Roberts	May 12-13
Ethel Wilkes	May 12-13
Moises Ickson Wisniak	May 12-13
Wilbur Cohen	May 13-14
Anna Epstein	May 13-14
Benjamin Flapan	May 13-14
Yetta Hollander	May 13-14
Bernard Kaslowsky	May 13-14
Isadore Harris	May 14-15

FRIDAY, MAY 11TH CONT.

Isidor Freiman	May 14-15
Rebecca Garber	May 14-15
Isaac Glassman	May 14-15
Gilda Miller	May 14-15
Miriam (Mother) Rosen	May 14-15

Sam Baron	May 15-16
Maurice Cywan	May 15-16
Joe Friedman	May 15-16
en Green	May 15-16
Fannie Lamm	May 15-16
Sanfod "Sandy" Maretsky	May 15-16
Mary Flower	May 16-17
Elo Hessing	May 16-17
Riwka Hessing	May 16-17
Joseph Milder	May 16-17
Elizabeth Sabath	May 16-17
Dr. Herbert M. Stearns	May 16-17
Eva Glusman Flaum	May 17-18
Lillian Jacobson	May 17-18
Dr. Helen Kister	May 17-18
Craig Robin Pike	May 17-18
Rose Berdy Surtes	May 17-18
Mary Trunk	May 17-18

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH

Samuel Cominsky	May 18-19
Sam Feldman	May 18-19
Leo Fine	May 18-19
Nat Goldman	May 18-19
Wolf Kaplan	May 18-19
Israel Levy	May 18-19
Hannah Schneider	May 18-19
Beckie Schwartz	May 18-19
Bessie Stern	May 18-19
Kate Massa	May 19-20
Samuel J. Powell	May 19-20
Aaron Cohen	May 20-21
Louis Edward Dorn	May 20-21
Anatole Fink	May 20-21
Joseph Orgiefsky	May 20-21
Isadore Rosenstock	May 20-21
Joseph White	May 20-21
Israel Blauner	May 21-22
Morris Davidowitz	May 21-22
Irving J. Finer	May 21-22
Sam Jacobson	May 21-22
Mathilda Mistriel	May 21-22
Lillian Pike	May 21-22
Anna L. Raines	May 21-22
Arlene Rosenbaum	May 21-22
Louis Spring	May 21-22
Sally Swartz	May 21-22
Murray Weinstock	May 21-22
Frances Wenger	May 21-22

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH CONT.

Becky Baron	May 22-23
Eugene Glembot	May 22-23
Esther Herschberg	May 22-23
Rose Hershman	May 22-23
Jennie Kuperstein	May 22-23

Sarah Neahr	May 22-23
Sylvia Salis	May 22-23
Bessie Gale	May 23-24
Morris Groll	May 23-24
Elle Liebman	May 23-24
Nathan Louis Rubin	May 23-24
Rae Shonholtz	May 23-24
Charles Birdie	May 24-25
Esther Deutch	May 24-25
Benjamin	May 24-25
Samuel Jaro	May 24-25
Israel Levey	May 24-25
Sophia Meyerson	May 24-25
Mira Salamon	May 24-25
Ruth Shinerock	May 24-25
Mildred Steinberg	May 24-25

FRIDAY, MAY 25TH

Sarah Comerchero	May 25-26
Pauline Lipson	May 25-26
Mollie Lubovsky	May 25-26
Simon Pordminsky	May 25-26
Ethel Prager	May 25-26
Gertrude L. Brachfeld	May 26-27
William Brand	May 26-27
Sara Bukshpan	May 26-27
Ida Cohen	May 26-27
Abraham Dell	May 26-27
Katherine Devereaux	May 26-27
Hilda Gilderman	May 26-27
Lloyd Holtzman	May 26-27
Dan Krasn	May 26-27
David J. Parnes	May 26-27
Morris Wolfus	May 26-27
Anna Pauline Eisman	May 27-28
Morris Savad	May 27-28
Jake Smith	May 27-28
Ardine Spira	May 27-28
Joseph Behar	May 28-29
Jack Brown	May 28-29
Seymour J. Harris	May 28-29
Rosaline Hollander	May 28-29
Bernard Katz	May 28-29
Faye Klinger	May 28-29
Arthur Soloway	May 28-29
Mina Balter Star	May 28-29
Abraham Auerbach	May 29-30
Jacob Levites	May 29-30
Rose Pfeffer	May 29-30

FRIDAY, MAY 25TH CONT.

Morris Staff	May 29-30
Julie Whitman	May 29-30
Molly Cherroff	May 30-31
Abram Goldberg	May 30-31
Rose Claire Kreisman	May 30-31

Sam Lamm May 31-June 1
Tillie Lattner May 31-June 1
Harry Welles May 31-June 1

FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST

Ozer Bromberg June 1-2
Harry Goldstein June 1-2
Max Mac Grushka June 1-2
Gertrude Gartzman June 2-3
Bernice Harris June 2-3
Jerry Herschberg June 2-3
Sam Orshoff June 2-3
Sol Goldman June 3-4
Annabelle Kaplan June 3-4
Sarah Rubin June 3-4
Ruth W. Smith June 3-4
Marion Sylvia Tankelson June 3-4
Celia Boyarsky June 4-5
Ida B. Epstein June 4-5
Elizabeth Magy June 4-5
Robert Wayne Nep June 4-5
Rick Steven Rashoff June 4-5
Abraham Richman June 4-5
Esther Anna Shein June 4-5
Harvey Winer June 4-5
Sophie Gould Alper June 5-6
Samuel Altshuler June 5-6
Sarah Drewery June 5-6
Milton Klein June 5-6
Rose Quint Kronick June 5-6
Eugene Kushins June 5-6
Harry Markenson June 5-6
Zelma "Chickie" Polin June 5-6
Marlene Stahl June 5-6
Ruth Smith June 5-6
Jacob Weisbeker June 5-6
Samuel Alpert June 6-7
Suzanne E. King Fogel June 6-7
Ben Hagler June 6-7
Bennie Shapiro June 6-7
Sarah Cadkin June 7-8
Paul Greene June 7-8
Israel Grossman June 7-8
William Kahn June 7-8
Gertrude Smith June 7-8
Isaac Tonowsky June 7-8

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH

Anna Blum June 8-9

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH CONT.

Mariam Hoogy June 8-9
Gertrude Mersky June 8-9
Harry Umanski June 8-9
Leo Branker June 9-10
Rachel De Merit June 9-10

Ella Eskenasy June 9-10
Abraham Freedland June 9-10
Fred Goldberger June 9-10
Joseph Goodstein June 9-10
Israel Kahn June 9-10
Maurice Maretsky June 9-10
Aaron Rosenzweig June 9-10
Morton Saltman June 9-10
Yetta Silberschein June 9-10
Molly Silbert June 9-10
Nathan J. Eiser June 10-11
Lila Gildon June 10-11
Sarah Hagler June 10-11
Cecelia Levin June 10-11
Miriam Morrell June 10-11
Leo Roman June 10-11
Eva Simon June 10-11
Adam Smith June 10-11
Frieda Sonnenschein June 10-11
David Gold June 11-12
Hermina Landel June 11-12
Betty S. Levin June 11-12
Arthur Lichterman June 11-12
Dora Saks June 11-12
Dorothy Behar Haller June 12-13
Sidney S. Lieberman June 12-13
Phil Shoff June 12-13
Sam Fishman June 13-14
Anna D. Harris June 13-14
Nathan Levy June 13-14
Phyllis Tarlow Siegler June 13-14
Beatrice Balowitz June 14-15
Rosie Neustein June 14-15
Ida Rappaport June 14-15
Sidney Simon June 14-15

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

Nina Bellen June 15-16
Bernard "Buddy" Rabins June 15-16
Rose Silverman June 15-16
Don Stone June 15-16
David Goldman June 16-17
Lillian Gross June 16-17
Ethel Horwitz June 16-17
Benjamin Katzman June 16-17
Ross Satin June 16-17
Milton Stone June 16-17
Nathan Stone June 16-17
Reuben Arian June 17-18

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH CONT.

Jay Allen Balonick June 17-18
Joseph William Marks June 17-18
Max A. Rostoker June 17-18
Allan Rothstein June 17-18
Tillie Turk June 17-18

Nathan Wilkes	June 17-18
Zetta Bricker	June 18-19
Nathan Buchman	June 18-19
Benjamin Itzkovitz	June 18-19
Ruth Keller	June 18-19
Anna B. Monin	June 18-19
Abraham Shein	June 18-19
Mark Boyar	June 19-20
Abe Gordon	June 19-20
Max Jaffee	June 19-20
Raymond Kantor	June 19-20
William Argall	June 20-21
Lillie Birdie	June 20-21
Sarah R. Brodsky	June 20-21
Norman Dlin	June 20-21
Jennie Epstein	June 20-21
Harry Gilderman	June 20-21
Nathan Katz	June 20-21
Paul Mahler	June 20-21
Karl Spitzer	June 20-21
Max H. Davis	June 21-22
Hyman J. Fagin	June 21-22
Mervin Isaac	June 21-22
Helen Nisenshal	June 21-22
Phyllis Rabins	June 21-22
Jennie Rosenbaum	June 21-22
Benjamin Waldman	June 21-22

FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND

Rudy Chernick	June 22-23
Marilyn Hasson	June 22-23
Bessie Raskin	June 22-23
Rose Resnick	June 22-23
Isadore Slonim	June 22-23
Julia Sones	June 22-23
Zeev Wolf Dlin	June 23-24
Samuel Goldstein	June 23-24
Ruth Gottesman	June 23-24
Marjorie Ruth Homer	June 23-24
Charlotte Rosenstein	June 23-24
Veda Stambor	June 23-24
Annie Gilderman	June 24-25
Sheldon Haas	June 24-25
Bernard Kantor	June 24-25
Tillie Kolokol	June 24-25
Erma Leibovitz	June 24-25
Nathan Martz	June 24-25
Jack Newport	June 24-25
Oscar Solomon	June 24-25

FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND CONT.

Charles Wasserman	June 24-25
Pauline A. Dorfman	June 25-26
Louis Fishkin	June 25-26
Jacob Katz	June 25-26
Monica Levin	June 25-26

Solomon Schlossberg	June 25-26
Gail Shinn	June 25-26
Bessie Shulman	June 25-26
Stanley Weinstein	June 25-26
Abe White	June 25-26
Leon Benveniste	June 26-27
Molly Gurnick	June 26-27
Anna Kaplan	June 26-27
Sam Koster	June 26-27
Goldie Levy	June 26-27
Zelda Weiner	June 26-27
Jacob Gemovsky	June 27-28
Rebecca Knopf	June 27-28
Peter Sandler	June 27-28
Nissim David Shahon	June 27-28
Sara Wine	June 27-28
Rebecca Bernstein	June 28-29
Jacob Cutler	June 28-29
Solomon Eisman	June 28-29
Nat Garber	June 28-29
Sonia Jaro	June 28-29

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH

Ella Dell	June 29-30
Anne Hiller	June 29-30
Harry Horberg	June 29-30
Mamie Isenberg	June 29-30
Sam Kinsbursky	June 29-30
Abe London	June 29-30
Sarah Shapiro	June 29-30
Minnie Fleischman	June 30-July 1
Ari Ben Glatt Holtz	June 30-July 1
Harvey Magy	June 30-July 1
Samuel Meisner	June 30-July 1
Fruma Mishkin	June 30-July 1
Bella Palotnik	June 30-July 1
Douglas A. Tauber	June 30-July 1
Walter Cohen	July 1-2
David Sheldon Green	July 1-2
William "Bill" Henteleff	July 1-2
Harry Shapiro	July 1-2
Rose Dienstag	July 2-3
Dora Steinberg	July 2-3
Samuel W. Arak	July 3-4
Gussie Dickman	July 3-4
Reba L. Frank	July 3-4
Aaron Gusner	July 3-4
Dorothy Henteleff	July 3-4
Anna Kantrowitz	July 3-4
Pnina Levin	July 3-4

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH CONT.

Edward Marks	July 3-4
Louis S. Morris	July 3-4
Jack P. Rashoff	July 3-4
Mabel Renkin	July 3-4
Oscar Rontz	July 3-4

Marcos Behar	July 4-5	Sarah Handelsman	July 5-6
Shirley Bulotsky	July 4-5	Zelda Horwitz	July 5-6
Abraham Magy	July 4-5	Elaine Jaffee	July 5-6
Albert Savitt	July 4-5	Albert David Kastrul	July 5-6
<u>FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH CONT.</u>		Esther Rachel Lichtbach	July 5-6
Gershon Schwartz	July 4-5	Lena Quint	July 5-6
Celia Brezner	July 5-6	Stephen Stanley Safier	July 5-6

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 13th – Mother’s Day
- 17TH – Board Meeting
- 20th – Shavuot (Yizkor) **9:00 am**
- 21st – **Office Closed**
- 28th – Memorial Day **Office Closed**

JUNE

- 17th – Father’s Day
- 21st – Board Meeting

DATED MATERIAL

PLEASE EXPEDITE

President.....Lou Danoff
Rabbi.....Sheldon Pennes
Secretary.....Valerie Cook

Schedule of Services



Services are held on:

Friday at 7:00 P.M.
Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

Services are held at other times by
special arrangements with the Minyonaires

Candle Lighting Time

“Beautify the Sabbath and
Your Home”



May 4.....	7:21
May 11.....	7:27
May 18	7:32
May 25.....	7:37
June 1.....	7:41
June 8.....	7:45
June 15.....	7:48
June 22.....	7:49
June 29.....	7:50

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT

***** TEMPLE B'NAI EMET, ORIGINATING IN BOYLE
HEIGHTS 90 YEARS AGO, AND NOW CELEBRATING
70 YEARS IN MONTEBELLO *****

I first want to take this time to wish fellow Board members, **SANDY OLESEN** and **LUBA GELMIS** a speedy recovery. Sandy underwent hip surgery on March 30, and Luba suffered a minor stroke on April 7, both are now home and well on the road to recovery.

RABBI PENNES and **Wendy** took a trip to Israel & Spain and were gone from April 10-25. Rabbi prepared for his absence by making sure that **STEVEN KAYE** would provide leadership for the Saturday Service on April 14th, and **CANTOR PFLUG** would cover the Service on April 22ND. A continuing “Thank you” goes out to **HENRY KISTER** for his readings from the Torah and to **AVI KISTER** for his weekly Haftorah readings.

This month, I would like to take a little time to introduce you to our paid and part time staff. We have 5 paid positions: Rabbi, Secretary, “High Holiday Cantor,” Handyman, and Clean-up man.

RABBI SHELDON PENNES has been our religious leader for over 25 years. He is a part-time Rabbi who has led us through our thriving years as well as into our current challenging years. Over the years, his duties have diminished in direct proportion to the size and needs of our congregation. Our Rabbi has been a beacon for our congregants through his religious leadership, counseling and teachings.

VALERIE COOK has been our secretary for 25 years now. She was hired and trained by **RACHEL DE MERIT**, and stepped up to carry on Rachel’s legacy when Rachel passed away. She is the keeper of all our records, pays our bills, and keeps track of all that must be taken care. She puts together the Clarion News Letter, the monthly Yahrzeit notifications and handles the receipts for all donations. She is the pleasant voice that greets

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and directs you when calling the Temple regarding your concerns. “Val can do this and do that” seems to be a constant theme coming from Board Meetings when addressing ways to handle certain situations. Val is a fierce fighter for the Temple and does not hesitate to voice her opinion.

STEVEN KAYE is a member of our congregation and serves on the Board of Directors as our Rituals Chairman. Steve wears many hats and is truly the SHAMUS of our Temple. He leads the Friday night Services and opens the Saturday morning Services, including leading the service when needed. He makes sure all pre-service preparations are made and in place prior to each service. He also cleans and locks up after each service and the following Oneg. He prepares for and acts as our Cantor during the High Holiday services for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur (for which he is paid) and handles the prayers for all yahrziets including those that require prayers for a year. Steve knows where all the keys are in the facility, and he makes sure we are aware of and follow all of the religious traditions that need to be addressed on a monthly basis.

DANIEL BLACK is our part-time handyman. He is a member of our congregation and has asked to serve on our Board. He has been doing all of the little things to slowly improve and beautify our facility, and is the first responder to the unexpected catastrophes that befall us.

FERNANDO RIVERA is our part-time clean-up man. He is a member of our congregation and comes in twice a month to give our facility a through cleaning. One of our Church tenants also helps out in this area during the times that Fernando is not there.

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR FACILITY

Last year we changed insurance companies and found one that provided more coverage for less money. We passed two inspections of our electrical system, one by our former insurer and one by our current one. In spite of passing our current inspection, our insurance company’s main office said we had to replace all electrical boxes bearing certain named manufacturers and any

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items over 50 years old. Since January, we have replaced 6 electrical boxes and the inside volt switches in several others. As you know, this is very expensive, and has set us back in our schedule to make the other improvements we want and need to do. I have been trying to space our investment into our facilities maintenance and improvements to give us time to recoup our expenditures before taking on the next project. Our electrical system is a PRIORITY that could not be put off, and hopefully we are close to meeting the requirements of our insurance agency.

Currently there are two projects at the top of our list of things to do. One is to provide adequate lighting for the parking lot, and the other is to provide a security system for both the inside and outside of the facility. We are currently taking bids on the first project and researching vendors for the second project.

All donations go into our General Fund which is used toward the total operation of our Temple (Religious and Secular) where needed. It is suggested that when making a donation, you can specify how much you would like to go toward the completion of a specific project. There will be no moving of money from the general fund, but it will serve to give me a better idea as to how much I have to work with when pursuing the completion of a project, and you will be advised when that project is completed.

Thank you for your time.

Until next time, stay healthy, stay active, and stay involved.

Louie Danoff

HAPPY MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND

ANNIVERSARIES

Wendy Pennes	May 4 th
Cindy Graff	May 8 th
Lillian Gordon	May 8 th
Sally Dickman	May 10 th
Theola Kirschenbaum	May 10 th
Howard Applebaum	May 11 th
Henry Kister	May 11 th
Alice Pennes	May 24 th
Joan Cohen	May 28 th
Jack Baron	May 31 st
Luba & George Gelmis	May 5 th
Daina & Sean Olesen	May 12 th
Cindy & Douglas Graff	May 23 rd
Shoshana & Richard Rosenbaum	May 28 th
Lois Paskil	June 3 rd
George Gelmis	June 4 th
Sophie Pennes	June 6 th
Rhonda Baron	June 18 th
Jeanette Dickman	June 18 th
Marcy Green	June 20 th
Gracia Brown	June 28 th
Wendy & Rabbi Sheldon Pennes	June 26 th

